

Claims

We claim:

1. A system for collecting information relating to equipment located at a site, the system comprising:
 - a first database including legacy data relating to at least a portion of the equipment;
 - a server including software for importing the legacy data into a specified data structure and for exporting the specified data structure and a survey process; and
 - a mobile survey device for receiving the specified data structure and the survey process and for guiding a user in collecting the information;wherein the specified data structure includes a set of equipment categories and a set of attributes relating to each category.
2. A method of surveying equipment assets located at a site, the method comprising:
 - gathering and compiling any legacy data relating to equipment at a site;
 - creating an equipment asset data structure based on this legacy data and the goals and objectives of the enterprise;
 - converting the legacy data into a format consistent with the data structure;
 - communicating this data structure, including the legacy data, to a mobile survey device.
 - operating the mobile survey device to survey the equipment assets located at the site and create a site equipment database.
3. The method of claim 2 further comprising communicating the site equipment database to a central server for further processing.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein the further processing includes performing a quality control review of the site equipment database.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the data structure is communicated as an XML file.